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The Council met in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven of the Clock in the forenoon, the President, Thomas Austin, Esquire, I. C. S. Barrister-at-Law, Dewan of Travancore, presiding.

MEMBERS SWORN.

1. Mr. K. George—*Chief Secretary to Government.*
2. Mr. R. Nilakanta Pillai—*Financial Secretary to Government.*
3. Mr. Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai—*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil.*

SPEECH BY THE PRESIDENT.

PRESIDENT: Members of the Council, before we commence, I wish to remind you of the new procedure regarding interpellations. You will remember that under the old system, only the member asking the question was allowed to put a supplementary question. Now, every member may do so. It follows that there will be a large number of supplementary questions, and, in order to enable members to distinguish between questions in respect of which they desire to put supplementary questions and those for which an answer may not be required on the floor of the House, the practice, which obtains in the House of Commons and the Indian Central Legislature of putting starred and unstarred questions has now been introduced here. Questions which members desire to answer on the floor of the House will be starred and the official member in charge will answer them orally. Any member may then put supplementary questions arising out of these answers. The member who puts the question will have the first chance of putting

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[President.]

supplementary questions and the other members may follow him. No member may rise more than once to put a supplementary question or supplementary questions. The answer or answers to all unstarred questions will be printed along with the proceedings of the day and they will be circulated to the members. Printed copies of the questions which will be answered during the day will be given to members on the previous day. Copies of the answers given during the day will also be placed in the Press Room.

However, for this meeting of the Council as members were not aware of the procedure, all questions have been treated as starred ones, and answers to questions requiring statements to be placed on the table will be printed and given to members at question time to enable them to ask supplementary questions thereon.

One other point I would like to mention is this. You remember, there has been some considerable delay in the publication of the proceedings of the legislature. Very often printed copies of one meeting were not ready until the next meeting came round. I hope, this delay can be avoided if members will co-operate with the Secretary and enable him to send to the Press the final edition of each member's speech as early as possible. Typed copies of the speeches made by each member at the meeting will be given to him on the evening of the day after the meeting, and it is requested that these speeches be returned to the Secretary with any corrections within the course of the day. This will enable the final edition of the proceedings of each meeting to be printed on the fourth day.

We will now proceed to the next business in the agenda.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Sir, may I ask one doubt? About asking supplementary questions, am I right in understanding that once a member has asked questions he should not ask again questions? If that be so I wish to submit that the right of asking supplementary questions is not fully allowed. For, supplementary questions may arise on questions that are answered later on by other members. I may also point out that the procedure followed in the various Provincial Legislatures is that a member can ask as many supplementary questions as possible so that when any supplementary question on account of subsequent answers is necessary that also is allowed and answers given.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): So far as I am aware the practice in the Indian Legislative Assembly is not as Mr. Piraviperumal Pillai states. A member asking supplementary questions must put all his questions at one time, that is to say, when he rises for putting the questions. He should not rise again for the purpose. I may also state that the supplementary questions must be put on the answers given by the answering member

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PRESIDENT : I think the same is the practice in the House of Commons also. The other day I happened to notice, while reading the *Times*, during the debate in the House of Commons, a member was called to order and finally suspended because he was going on asking interpellations even after his turn was over. I think the procedure which I have outlined is the best, as it follows the procedure in the Indian Central Legislature and the House of Commons.

Now, I shall call the name of the member whose question is next to be asked. He will please mention the number and then take his seat while the official member gives the answer.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Construction of a road from the branch road Chayam to Perungamalai.

1. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representations regarding the construction of a road from the branch road Chayam to Perungamalai through Ponnanchundu and a bridge across the Kallar river near Ponnanchundu, in Nedumangad taluk; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, what action has been taken in the matter ?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Chief Engineer has asked the Division Officer, Trivandrum, to take action under the Ryots' Roads Rules with regard to the road and to submit an estimate for the reconstruction of the bridge which is in a dilapidated condition.

Damages due to heavy rains and floods in the Chirayinkil and Nedumangad taluks.

2. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI : With reference to Chirayinkil and Nedumangad taluks, will the Government be pleased to call for and lay on the table a *pakuthi-war* statement of the different kinds of damage done by heavy rains and floods in Edavam and Mithunam of 1108 M. E?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : The *pakuthi-war* particulars of damages caused under (1) number of buildings destroyed and (2) the approximate extent of paddy lands, the crops on which have been damaged in respect of the Nedumangad taluk are given below.

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